

# Latino Coalition for Faith and Community Initiatives, Inc.

## **Organization Description**

The Latino Coalition for Faith and Community Initiatives (The Latino Coalition) is a nonprofit intermediary dedicated to strengthening and expanding the capacity of faith-based and community organizations.

## **Project Description**

The Equal Sides Everywhere Project (ESE) will work to expand the role of Latino faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) in addressing the causes and consequences of youth gang involvement. The Latino Coalition will provide training, technical assistance and sub-awards to small FBCOs in six cities with a large concentration of Latinos and youth gang problems.

## **Geographic Scope of Project**

Bakersfield, California; Los Angeles, California; Denver, Colorado; Phoenix, Arizona; Portland, Oregon; and Lawrence, Massachusetts.

## **Sub-Awards**

A total of \$400,000 will be given in sub-awards for 44 FBCOs. Four types of sub-awards will be available: Start Up (up to \$3000); Capacity Building/Expansion (up to \$5000); Technology Assistance (up to \$15,000); and Coalition Building grants (up to \$20,000).

## **Priority Areas**

At-risk youth and gang prevention and intervention.

## **Project Objectives**

The Equal Sides Everywhere Project will:

1. Expand participation of grass-roots FBCOs in addressing issues related to the causes and consequences of gang influences.
2. Strengthen the organizational competencies of participating organizations in the areas of: financial management, agency leadership and management, programs and services, human resources, community relations and engagement, board of directors/governance, and program evaluation and outcome measurement.
3. Increase the diversity and stability of the funding base for participating organizations.
4. Establish more collaborative working relationships and partnerships.
5. Implement outcome measurement within participating organizations.
6. Incorporate best practices for dealing with gangs and their influence into existing programs and services to improve client service and effectiveness.

## **Project Strategies**

The Equal Sides Everywhere Project consists of four elements: 1) organizational needs assessments; 2) the Capacity Building Academy; 3) Equal Sides Everywhere Conference; and 4) sub-awards.

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## **Project Outcomes**

- Increase number of FBCOs engaged in programs/services to at-risk Latino youth and families.
- Improved organizational competencies in focus areas.
- Increased levels of funding for FBCOs.
- Increase knowledge of strategies to curb, prevent and reduce gang involvement.
- Development of best practices for FBCOs to address gang issues.

## **Grant Award Amount**

**\$978,551**



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